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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-269—sHB 5903**

*Government Administration and Elections Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF TIE VOTES IN  
PRIMARIES FOR STATE OR DISTRICT OFFICES AND FOR THE  
OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**SUMMARY:** This act limits who is eligible to receive votes in an adjourned primary held to resolve a tie vote in a primary for statewide, district, or legislative office. Under prior law, all candidates who ran in the first primary for the office in which there was a tie could receive votes. Under the act, only the candidates who tied and received the most votes in the first primary are eligible to receive votes in the adjourned primary.

The act does not affect who is eligible to receive votes in an adjourned primary held to resolve a tie between two or more candidates for municipal office (other than state senator or state representative) or town committee, or slates of candidates for justice of the peace.

By law, the adjourned primary is held three weeks after the first primary. If the adjourned primary results in a tie, the secretary of the state resolves it by drawing lots.

The act also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

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